

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending. Each is independent.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by a newly cited patent to Jewson et al. No. 5,621,905. The Examiner contends that each feature recited in each of those claims is fully met by the Jewson disclosure.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims have been amended to define the invention more precisely. As amended, they are clearly patentable.

Claim 1 is directed to a communication terminal comprising a display unit that displays an original selection screen for selecting at least one of a plurality of options. Display control means causes display of options in the display unit by division or scroll. A key selects an option not currently displayed in the display unit from the options to be selected. The display control means causes, when an option not currently displayed has been selected, display of a screen associated with the selected option in the display unit and performs a display so as to include the selected option when displaying the original selection screen next.

Claim 2 has been similarly amended and in particular recites a key for selecting an option not currently displayed in the display unit from the options to be selected. Claim 2 further specifies that the display control means causes, when an option not currently displayed has been selected, display of a screen associated with the selected option in the display unit and display of information indicating the selected option when displaying the original selection screen next.

The invention as defined in the amended claims is neither disclosed nor suggested by the Jewson patent.

That patent discloses that vertical and horizontal scroll bars can be used by the operator for moving the display window to different areas not currently visible, and that the part which is displayed includes the last selection made, as the Examiner states.

However, the patent does not disclose means for selecting an option (item) not currently displayed (visible) in the display unit (display window). The vertical and horizontal scroll bars cannot select an item not currently visible in the display window.

The communication terminal of the present invention has means (the 6 key disclosed for example in the paragraph bridging pages 32 and 33 of the application) for selecting an option not currently displayed in the display unit, and display control means (11) that performs a display so as to include the selected option when displaying the original selection screen next.

Since the claims as amended reflect a combination of features not found in the Jewson patent, the rejection is inapplicable to the claims as now presented and should be withdrawn.

There being no other objections or rejections, the application is in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel.

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